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Has arrived, and we have exactly what you want and at the price you care to pay.

In Fine Gem RINGS Diamonds, Rubies, Sapphires, Etc.



We have the best that money can buy and all in the newest designs. And as for

WATCHES



Come and see them; that is the only way to satisfy yourself that we have the Newest and Best Goods and at the Right Price. If you do not want a Watch, we have a great variety of other things suitable for Xmas presents, both pretty and useful.

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"BETTER LATE THAN NEVER"
A GREAT DEAL BETTER IN THIS INSTANCE.

Just in Time For Xmas.

FOUR OVERDUE SHIPMENTS TO HAND TO DAY, CONSISTING OF

2 CASES UMBRELLAS
2 CASES COSTUMES.

NOW READY FOR INSPECTION,
COME EARLY FOR FIRST CHOICE

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A Genuine Surprise.



Surprise is the order of the day. Don't be surprised at anything you hear, but you should take a look at our stock of Christmas Goods; they out-boot the boot'er.

Choice Gehesa Table Raisins,
Elme Figs,
Chrystalized Fruits,
Chocolate Bonbons,
Cream Bonbons,
Jordan Almonds,
Christmas Tree Candles,
Japan Oranges,
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If you want Variety and Quality in the JUVENILE AND GIFT Book line to select from, T. N. HIBBEN & Co.'s is the place to go. Cloth-bound Standard Authors, 25c. We have a few of last year's Boys' and Girls' Annuals at \$1.75. 1897 vols. also to hand.

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Like many others have already done, if you don't see our Xmas Ties and other goods you'll be sorry.

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THE WAY TO BECOME RICH

Is to observe the little things. It is the little saved on each purchase that makes a full pocket-book. When you buy

TAMILKANDE TEA

You Get the Best and the Most You Economize Every Time.

It is the best Tea that can be bought for the money. Blue Label, 60c. White Label, 50c. Red Label, 40c.

SIMON LEISER & CO., WHOLESALE AGENTS.

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The two upper flats of the TURNER BUILDING, (40 Johnson Street), containing 50 rooms, baths, w.c.s, and other conveniences on each flat.

B.C. Land & Investment Agency. APPLY 40 GOVERNMENT ST.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SAMPLES OF 1898 Crescent Bicycles, Ladies' and Gent's Models, just received at Walts & Co. Perfect in every detail. Call and see them.

LOST—Last evening, a \$10 bill finder will be rewarded on returning same to Times office.

WATCH MOVEMENT LOST—On Broad street, to the Five Sister block, finder a liberal reward at 51 Yates street.

CYCLAMEN, CINERARIAS, VIOLETS, ROSES, and all other cut flowers, at Miss Branchamps, 67 Douglas street.

A COMPLETE STOCK of Air Guns, Footballs, Boxing Gloves, etc., etc., suitable for Xmas presents, at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

COAL OR WOOD—Leave orders with Munn, Holland & Co., Broad street, opposite Drury.

SECOND-HAND GUNS bought and sold. Ammunition always on hand at Shore's Hardware, 57 Johnson street.

\$5.00—No. 1 Double-creeped household coal, per ton, at 2,000 pounds, delivered to any part of the city. Hall, Goepel & Co., 109 Government street. Telephone call No. 83.

BOXING GLOVES Punching Bags, Foot balls, etc., new stock at J. Barnsley's, 119 Government street.

Take the All-Canadian Route To 52 Fort St.

To have your Umbrellas re-handled, recovered and repaired. Keys fitted and locks repaired in any part of the city on short notice. Every description of keys in stock or made to order. Any mechanical repairs.

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58 Port St.

BAKER & COLSTON (late G. Hawke & Co.) Wharf Office, Belleville, James Bay.

Double Screens Alexandra Coal... 55.00 ton.
50 cent Sack or Lump, Wellington 8.00 ton.

First Quality Dry Cordwood... 3.25 cord

full weight and measure guaranteed.

All orders executed day received. Telegraph in name of Hawke & Co., No. 407.

XMAS PRESENTS We have a fine assortment of Toilet Cases, Leather Travelling Cases, Roger & Gallet's Perfume, etc.

HALL & CO. Dispensing Chemists, Clarence Block, cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

AUCTION I am instructed to sell without reserve, at the Outer Wharf, Victoria, B.C.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24th at 12 O'CLOCK

Square Sails

In good condition, would make good tents or tarpsails. Klondykers attend this sale.

W. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION

I am instructed by the owner of the Garrison Artillery Reserve and Reserve, etc., now in my possession, to sell the same by auction, positively WITHOUT RESERVE, at my sale room, 81 Johnson street.

To-Morrow, December 24, at 2 p.m.

consisting

33 Carpets and Art Squares and 56 Rugs

Also at commencement of sale, one fine Bell Organ, and one fine Cooking Stove. No. 9. Terms Cash.

P. J. DAVIES.

High Life Cigarettes

Are in Quality and Price Without Exception the Very Best Made.

AT H. L. SALMON'S.

WILL GET \$464,000

Behring Sea Arbitrators Have Awarded This Sum to the Victoria Sealers.

Local Sealing Men Dissatisfied—Expected That Interest Would Have Been Allowed.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The arbitrators appointed to inquire into the losses of the Canadian sealers through being seized by United States cruisers in Behring Sea, have awarded the sum of \$464,000 as compensation.

In 1894 the Canadian government offered to accept \$450,000, while the United States offered \$400,000. Afterwards a compromise was reached between both governments for the amount of \$425,000. A bill was presented to congress for this sum; but it was rejected. In February, 1896, a convention was entered into between Great Britain and the United States with a view of fixing the liability of the United States for any injury which the Canadian sealers might have sustained. The matter was therefore referred to two commissioners, Justice King, of the Supreme Court of Canada, and Judge Putnam of the United States. The two commissioners met at Victoria last winter, shortly after parliament had prorogued, and heard the evidence in the cases. The argument was heard at Hillside Inn. Mr. Quinlan is an observing man, is thoroughly well posted about the Yukon country, and, he says, "left Dawson City as late as November 1st." It is true, he says, that at that time there were no provisions for sale, but no one was particularly anxious to buy any, as all had enough to last them throughout the winter, those who were short, save 6,000, having left for Fort Yukon. They could have had no difficulty in reaching that place, simply getting in their boats and going down with the current, and as the river was open at Fort Selkirk on November 1st, they are all, no doubt, now in a land of plenty.

The trip out to the coast is not such an easy one as the one to Fort Yukon, although the establishment of posts along the trail by the Dominion government makes it much easier, as the men can replenish their stores of provisions at these posts. The greatest difficulty is in the ice jams, which pile up from ten to twenty feet, and over which the men have to climb on their hands and knees. Mr. Quinlan and his companions started with sleds and quite a big outfit, but then they had to discard at McCormick's Post. Continuing the journey with an outfit of 85 pounds each, carried on their backs. At Little Salmon the post did not have a big stock of provisions, so Mr. Quinlan left forty pounds there, receiving from the officer in charge an order for that amount of goods from any of the posts further up the river. This is how the posts will be of assistance to the men coming out, passing them on, as it were, from one station to another.

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At the Hootalinqua Mr. Morwood, another Dominion government official, was met, and he accompanied the party as far as the lakes. No prospecting has been done on that river, the river not yet being frozen. On the creeks around Dawson work is proceeding briskly, most of the men who went up this year now working on their own claims or on a lay. The latest strike is on Quartz creek, separated from Bonanza by the Bonanza mountain. Quartz creek is larger than Bonanza. It was not prospected at all last year, but as soon as the ground froze this fall a hole was sunk to bedrock and in twenty-four hours \$5,000 was taken out. In another twenty-four hours Quartz creek was staked from its mouth to its south.

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happy-go-lucky arrangements were as a rule resulting in the few hundred British troops and Sepoys forming the rear guard having again and again fought most desperately to save their skins, while within two or three miles thousands of their comrades were doing absolutely nothing.

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PLENTY IN DAWSON

LATEST ARRIVALS SAY THAT THERE IS ENOUGH FOOD TO LAST THROUGH THE WINTER.

ALL THOSE WHO WERE SHORT HAVE LEFT FOR PORT YUKON AND THE COAST.

MAJOR WALSH WILL ATTEMPT TO CUT A TRAIL FROM BIG SALMON TO DAWSON.

Those who were short of provisions have left Dawson and the 6,000 men remaining there will have enough to last them throughout the winter." So says Mr. D. P. Quinlan of Seattle, who reached Victoria this afternoon on the steamer City of Seattle. "Mr. Quinlan is an observing man, is thoroughly well posted about the Yukon country, and, he says, "left Dawson City as late as November 1st." It is true, he says, that at that time there were no provisions for sale, but no one was particularly anxious to buy any, as all had enough to last them throughout the winter, those who were short, save 6,000, having left for Fort Yukon. They could have had no difficulty in reaching that place, simply getting in their boats and going down with the current, and as the river was open at Fort Selkirk on November 1st, they are all, no doubt, now in a land of plenty.

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THE ALLEGED LIBELS

The Case Against Mr. Colart, of the Province, Produces a Legal Contest.

Mr. Bostock and Mr. Nichol Will Be Proceeded Against Separately.

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

In the case of Hewitt Bostock, M.J., Ian Colart and Walter C. Nichol charged with having published a defamatory libel on Messrs. J. H. Turner and C. E. Pooley, Mr. Cassidy on behalf of the prosecution said that owing to the fact that Mr. Bostock was out of the city it was impossible to serve him and he therefore asked that his name might be stricken from the information, adding that it was the intention to lay another information against him. Mr. Martin, who appeared for the defendants, said that he wished to call the attention of the court to the fact that one of his clients, Mr. Nichol, had been away from home on business for his employer, and upon his return on the previous Saturday found that the summons in this action had been served upon his Chinaman, and also called the magistrate's attention to the fact that he (Mr. Martin) had sent down to the court for the purpose of obtaining a copy of the information in this action and was refused; that the original information, which should have been upon the files of the court had been removed, and that, according to the information given him, it was at the time he asked for it in the possession of the solicitors for the prosecution, "and," said Mr. Martin, "I would like to know how it is that my clients are charged with an offence of this nature and the information is lied, that that document, which is a record of this court, should be removed even temporarily."

The magistrate explained that application had been made to him on the previous afternoon for leave to obtain a copy of this information for the express purpose of preparing a summons against the absent defendant, Mr. Bostock, and he had given his permission for the original to be removed for that purpose, a courtesy which he would have been willing to have extended to Mr. Martin himself under the circumstances, and if there was any blame to be placed upon anybody it was only upon himself.

Mr. Cassidy, according to Mr. Martin's request, agreed to Mr. Nichol's name being stricken from the information, and the case as against Mr. Colart was taken up, with the understanding that a new information would be laid against Messrs. Bostock and Nichol.

The magistrate was of the opinion that the information as amended would require to be re-sworn by the complainants, but Mr. Cassidy, probably because his clients were not in attendance and Mr. Martin wishing to avoid delay, waived this point, and the information, Messrs. Bostock and Nichol's names being erased, was allowed to stand.

The case against Mr. Colart, the magistrate, however, not reading the information, was then proceeded with, and Mr. Arthur Davy was called as a witness by Mr. Cassidy.

After being sworn the witness testified that he was an articled clerk in Mr. Cassidy's office and resided on Burnside avenue.

Examined by Mr. Cassidy.

Q.—I hand to you what purports to be a copy of the Province newspaper of Saturday, December 11th, 1897. When did you first get that? A.—I purchased this on December 11th instant from Mr. Arthur Wheeler in the office of the Province newspaper.

Q.—Do you know who Arthur Wheeler is? A.—I cannot say that I know; I believe I have known him to be employed there some time, but I cannot say in what position.

Q.—Do you know if he was employed there? A.—Yes.

Q.—(By the Court)—An employee of the Province Publishing Company? A.—Yes.

Mr. Cassidy—Do you know Mr. Colart? A.—I know him; yes.

Q.—Do you know what his occupation is? A.—I can't swear that I do.

Q.—Do you know where he works, that is, where he carries on business? A.—I have seen him working in the Province building.

Q.—Do you know his signature? A.—I do not.

Q.—Have you seen it? A.—I have seen what purports to be his signature.

Q.—On what? A.—On letters purporting to come from him.

Q.—Have you ever delivered to Mr. Colart? A.—I don't think so; I don't remember having done so.

Mr. Cassidy (showing letter to witness)

Do you know this letter?

Mr. Martin (interposing)—What letter is it?

Mr. Cassidy—A letter from me to Mr. Colart.

Mr. Martin—if it has any relevance it should have been shown to me.

Mr. Cassidy—it is a typewritten copy of a letter written by me to Mr. Colart and I wish to show from Mr. Davy's evidence that that letter was delivered to Mr. Colart in order to prove that the signature upon the letter received in reality is Mr. Colart's signature.

Something like half an hour was occupied by an attempt on the part of counsel for the prosecution to prove the signature of Mr. Colart, in spite of the contention by defendant's counsel that secondary evidence was not admissible when it was possible to procure evidence of a positive nature, and notwithstanding the magistrate's ruling that the evidence offered could not be accepted, Mr. Cassidy persisted in endeavoring to prove Mr. Colart's signature by the evidence of his clerk.

It was not made clear what object counsel for the prosecution had in this course of procedure, but it is to be presumed from the lengthy argument indulged in and the persistency with which Mr. Cassidy continued to endeavor to obtain from his witness an admission that he knew and could identify Mr. Colart's signature, that something could have been gained by it for the prosecution. His honor, however, finally compelled Mr. Cassidy to subside by telling him that as Mr. Colart had been in business here for a number of years and that hundreds of people in the city would of their own knowledge know his signature, it was foolish to endeavor to prove its genuineness by a witness who under

oth had repeatedly said he did not know if Mr. Cassidy then proceeded to ask the witness if he knew what duties Mr. Colart followed at the time of the publication of the alleged libel but when in answer to the court Mr. Davy said that he did not know that Mr. Colart had anything to do with the Province newspaper, this line of examination was abruptly closed.

In cross-examination by Mr. Martin the witness testified that he had purchased a copy of the Province newspaper of December 11th on the 10th December, had taken it to Mr. Cassidy's office and placed upon it a mark of identification, but could not remember the time, although he was positive that immediately after purchasing it he had taken it to his own office and could now recognize it as the one produced in court. Arthur Wheeler was then called by the prosecution, and testified that he was a clerk in the office of the Province Publishing Company, his duties being those of assistant to the foreman.

Mr. Cassidy proceeded to examine the witness and instigated that the two companies, the Province, Ltd., Ltd., and the Province Publishing Company, were separate only for certain purposes.

Mr. Martin objected to the instigation and a lively interchange of banter was indulged in, Mr. Cassidy making use of the expression that "these people were higgledy-piggledy together," and asking Mr. Martin for enlightenment as to what the difference was, received the reply that if he wished information he must pay for it.

Mr. Martin proceeding with an examination of the witness elicited the information that the Province newspaper was published from the Province building; that the Province building was situated on the corner of Courtney and Gordon streets; that he (the witness) sometimes saw it printed; that he sometimes sold it, and that Mr. Walter Nichol was known in the office as the acting editor. Endeavoring to find out what Mr. Colart's position was, Mr. Martin learned from the witness that he is secretary of the Province, Ltd., Ltd.; that as a rule he (Mr. Colart) occupied a room in the building; that he sometimes dictated letters, and that as far as the witness knew there was nobody who, in Mr. Cassidy's language, acted as a boss over him.

In cross-examination by Mr. Martin the witness repeated that he knew nothing of the Province, Ltd., Ltd., as far as his position was concerned, which gave Mr. Cassidy the opportunity of firing off a remark in regard to "double-barreled companies."

Mr. S. Y. Wootton, registrar-general, and registrar of joint stock companies, was the next witness, but the evidence which counsel for the prosecution sought to obtain from him was trifled with. Mr. Martin admitted that the Province, Ltd., Ltd., are the publishers of the Province newspaper. The witness testified that a copy of the register of the company had been filed with him on the 11th November, 1897, and then began a protracted legal argument, in the course of which Mr. Cassidy quoted from various authorities in the attempt to prove that secondary evidence could be accepted by the court, because he had failed to obtain what Mr. Martin claimed was necessary, what his best evidence.

To-day's proceedings will be found in another part of the paper.

THE SCALCHI ENGAGEMENT.

Famous Contralto to Appear at the Victoria This Evening.

The only adequate performance of grand opera Victorians are likely to have this season will be given at the Victoria Theatre this evening by Madam Scalchi and her company of operatic artists. Scalchi is one of the greatest artists in her profession the world has seen. She is the famous contralto who shared honors with Patti until that singer became jealous, and since then Scalchi has been the great attraction of all the ideal performances given in London and New York. Mme. Scalchi has been more in demand than any operatic singer in Europe or America, and she has the distinction of having sung before more people than any singer on the lyric stage. For ten years she alternated between the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway is another instance of generosity with the people's property. The terms of the grant gave the company their land in alternate sections on opposite sides of the line, a section given the company to be opposite a section retained by the province. Without consulting the legislature the ministry by order in council altered the terms so as to give the company a large area of territory extending on both sides of the line. The tax on mortgages is merely an instance of incompetence. It has had the natural result of increasing the burdens of the borrower and is condemned as an unwise revenue measure by the Liberals. The un-liberal requirement of a deposit from candidates for the legislature and the inequalities of representation for the counties are matters of reform. The requirement of miners' license fees from wage earners in the mines is a sample of the mistaken means of revenue generally adopted after the reckless alienation of public resources, and is condemned in the Liberal platform.

But this ministry can show itself resourceful on occasion. It is building a house of assembly, which, of course, could not be finished within measurable distance of the time specified. A glass plate has been provided—setting forth to future generations the completion of the work under Lieut.-Governor Dewdney. When it became evident that Mr. Dewdney's term would expire long before the glass plate could fill its mission there was a situation which might have puzzled an ordinary administration. But the rulers of British Columbia rose to the occasion by holding a "formal opening" before completion. The opening was indeed formal, for it consisted in the distribution of letters announcing that the Lieut.-Governor would be at home in the building at a certain day. They did not state on what particular rafter or joist the vice-regal party would perch, whether they would cling to a ladder or balance on a widow sill. The formal opening was an unequalled success, and the workmen on the building never suspected that it was under way. In this record of absurdity, incompetence and worse there is a lesson which the electors of Ontario should take well to heart. Whether in Dominion or provincial affairs, Conservative rule has been marked by the reckless alienation of the public domain. Immense wealth in timber and minerals can be in that way squandered in a single month. An order in council or vote forced by a party majority may entail irreparable injury. The mistake of a single election may bring the very material penitence of heavy taxation for years. The lesson is obvious and should be thoroughly learned.

Elles Gave Without the Use of Knives by Dr. Chase.

I was troubled for years with piles and tried everything I could buy without any benefit, until I tried Dr. Chase's Ointment. The result was marvellous. Two boxes completely cured me.

JAS. STEWART, Harness & Maker, Woodville, Ont.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towl, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be." Since I've had your Cough Remedy, baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

Price, 25 Cents a Box.

All dealers, or Pharmacists, Sales & Co., Toronto, Ont.

OUR MINISTRY.

The Toronto Globe's Powerful Arraignment of the Turner Ministry.

What This Province Has Suffered and Lost Since Present Government Came Into Power.

The following article upon the history of the Turner government is from the editorial column of the Toronto Globe. A few days ago we published a telegraphic excerpt from this article, but the arraignment of the government by the Globe is so just and so powerful that we reproduce the whole article that our readers may see in what light provincial affairs are viewed by the east coast press. The article is headed "A Ministerial Failure," and is as follows:

British Columbia has suffered from a most unfortunate provincial regime, and it is to be hoped the electors will see the advantage of making a change when the opportunity arrives. The ministry seems to have been afflicted with a violent desire to give away, on every pretext, the mineral and forest wealth which should serve the purposes of public revenue for generations to come. Great mineral wealth has been alienated indiscriminately, and the real developers of the future will be paying rents and royalties to the fortunate residents instead of to the whole people. The Canadian Central railway grants are but an illustration, perhaps the most striking, of ministerial disregard for public interests. By it Mr. Herschel Cohen, a gentleman from London, England, will be in a position to levy a royalty on the output of a large section of mining land. But there are charges more serious in one sense than incompetency against the present ministry. Mr. J. H. Turner, premier, and Mr. C. E. Pooley, president of the council, figure as the leading men in a mining company that has issued a prospectus and is seeking to sell shares in London. In that prospectus it is actually set forth that there will be advantages for the shareholders in the "unique connection" between the company and the provincial ministry. This abuse of a high position could not escape the British press. The Times, Truth, the Statist, the Financial News and other leading journals strongly condemned the unprecedented use of official authority and the unblushing declaration of it. The status of British Columbia, and, in fact, of the whole Dominion, must have suffered through that most questionable method of selling mining shares. The Liberals of the province have formulated a platform which declares against the leading lines of policy which have given the existing ministry such uncenviable distinction. It condemns the alienation of public lands to railway speculators, and proposes to restrict the holding of large areas. Grants to railway corporations for aid in construction are favored only in the principle of investments in the railways, the government to secure its interest by the control of rates. The Liberals also declare their intention to investigate the status of existing grants, to the end that as much of the remaining land as possible be offered for settlement.

Chinese immigration is a vexed question in the province, as it must be whatever the Orientals gather in large numbers. There is a strong opinion in favor of their exclusion, but there is a corporate influence dominating the ministry in support of the importation of such labor.

The oyster is rather a complex organism. Two large lobes overlap the mouth. It has an intestinal tract, kidney, heart, gills, nervous ganglia and other organs, all of which are part of the bulk of the body. The reason why the liver is so large is curious. The function of the oyster is strictly that of a scavenger. It feeds upon the offal of the ocean and takes down what it finds from the submarine foliage with its gelatinous lips. It awaits with eager expectancy, with open shell and parted lips, for the dead or moribund that wash into the neighboring sewer and devours it with as much relish as does a turkey bussard a dead cat in a hayfield.

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THE CASSIAR CENTRAL.

However much the Colonist may feel inclined to chuckle over the intentions of Mr. H. Hirschel-Cohen regarding the Cassiar Central Railway, we cannot see our way to join in these jubilations. Mr. H. Hirschel-Cohen is the English capitalist who is going to make, along with his fellow directors, a magnificent thing out of this Cassiar Central Railway scheme. And no blame to Mr. Hirschel-Cohen and his fellow directors. But we cannot forget the circumstances under which the Cassiar Central Railway grant was made; we cannot forget the storm of indignant protest that hailed the atrocious blunder. If it was a blunder, and we are of the opinion that the people of British Columbia will long regret the blindness, or worse, of the government which recklessly gave away a franchise that means millions. The Colonist has extremely small cause to emit these glee-chirrupps; for the Cassiar Central Railway deal is one of the blackest names in the political history of British Columbia, and will be one of the hardest of the many hard things the members of the Turner government will be asked to explain.

A GLANDERS SCARE.

For some time back a quarantine has been extended over the Kettle River district by the advice and direction of Dr. Hickenbottom, veterinary surgeon of Grand Forks, B. C., against horses from Marcus, just across the line in Washington State. This has caused no little friction among the traders who use that route to get to the mines with their pack trains. To reach Eureka, Nelson and other places in the Colville reservation it is necessary for freighters to pass from American to Canadian territory, then back again to American ground. The Grand Forks Miner says the quarantine has been so drastic as to cause a shortage of food supplies in the towns which depend upon the freighters for their goods. It is feared by the people dwelling north of the boundary line that the result of this may be that the American government will construct a wagon road entirely in American territory and so deprive the British Columbians in the Kettle River district of their share of the packing trade. A serious phase of the trouble is the opposing testimony of the veterinary surgeons directly connected with the matter. Dr. Hickenbottom, the Canadian veterinarian, stoutly sticks to his statement that he has found glandered horses at Marcus, Grand Forks and Greenwood, and that the disease is spreading. With equal positiveness the American veterinarian, Dr. Nelson, asserts that there is no glanders.

Scotch whisky made in Germany and sold in India is the latest. Great quantities of the deleterious stuff have been detected by the customs department and seized. Upon examination the alleged "Scotch whisky" was found to be a decoction of fusel oil and other contraband of war sufficient to make the partaker see snakes in running brooks and serpents in stones. This shows Germany's enterprise, however, though that certainly is no excuse for the undoubted profanity which will ring from Simla to the Ghants when the unwary get a mouthful of the stuff thinking they are going to enjoy a nip of the real "pepper-mint mountain dew."

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a number of questions to come before this body at the coming session that will affect us all with the future of the Boundary district, and the people of this section cannot afford to have any legislation passed that will be a detriment to them."

Mr. Kellie, M.P.P. for the North Riding of West Kootenay, "is now practically dead," says the quaint Rossland Miner, taking liberties with the language. The Miner had that comparison of dead, practically dead, dader, deader, printed before the "slaps in the face" took place at Revelstoke, when three hundred electors confirmed Mr. Kellie's attitude; demanded that he keep his seat and that he represent them as an oppositionist.

The Rossland Miner will feel as shrunk into its boots as the Colonist and the World and the other organs when it reads that Revelstoke story. Mr. Kellie is very much alive.

That the Toronto Board of Trade has joined hands with the B. C. Board of Trade is the stand the latter has taken with regard to the Dyke dispute and the passage of Canadian goods through American territory, is the best refutation of the oft-repeated assertion that the people of the Western Provinces take no interest in Western affairs. Those who make that assertion are not in touch with affairs in the east or they would refrain from such foolish remarks. The telegraphic despatch announcing the foregoing fact will be found in another column.

For once the Colonist is correct; the absence of our usual editorial heading last evening, to which the Colonist with characteristic good taste draws attention, was due, as the Colonist kindly says, to one of those little accidents from which the immortal gods have not made even the always-right Colonist immune. When the Colonist dishes up anything that's so palpably only "pl" we shall remark to ourselves after Whitefoot Riley: "Ain't got nuttin' to say; nuttin' 't all to say."

The Columbian, dealing with the ludicrous "attack" of the Vancouver Wor-rrd upon the Toronto Globe, reminding one of the Aesopian fables of the frog and the bull and the fly on the axle, joins the "life-long Liberal" thusly in the same spot as the puller sustained the hatchet:

The Globe can probably stand the world's scorn, especially when that scorn, all the circumstances considered, will the more commend it to the favor of the people of this province, to whose interests it is much more true and faithful, even in matters regarding our local politics, than the World, a provincial paper, has ever been."

In the midst of all those wars and rumors of wars it is pleasant to have the solemn affidavit of Mons. Charles Rauhofer, the chef at Delmonico's celebrated pie foundry in New York, that live cod is the delicacy of the season. Mons. Rauhofer assures an anxious universe that "the only fresh cod for the epicure to consider is the live fish. When it dies it loses its flavor so rapidly that it soon becomes tasteless." Many other maîtres de cuisine would give a good deal to know where the Delmonico men got the notion. The spectacle of a 250 pound gourmet attempting to swallow a live cod with egg sauce would go far to promote the safety of nations.

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STORY OF THE RESCUE

Dominion Government Steamer Quadra and Steamer Willapa Back From West Coast.

Chief Officer Durfee Tells of His Crew's Sufferings in the Open Boat.

It Is the Metallic Boat, in Which Capt. Hall Had Lost Confidence, That Is Missing.

All hope for the safety of the eight men who left the steamer Cleveland in the second officer's boat was abandoned upon the arrival last evening of the Dominion government steamer Quadra and later in the night of the steamer Willapa. The Quadra cruised as far north as Resqu'out, where the third officer's boat was found, her officers making a thorough search, but not a vestige of the missing boat or the men who so sail in her could be found. The Willapa went still further north, as far as Kyuquot, and all along the coast made inquiries of the Indians and settlers, but her search was unavailing. The boat was undoubtedly overwhelmed by the sea and the occupants drowned.

The Quadra brought down the survivors of the disaster, with the exception of Capt. Hall, Third Officer Melvin and one or two others who were well enough to remain and could be of assistance in lightening the cargo and helping in the attempt which is to be made to float the steamer. The Mandie is receiving the cargo, and when it is all out Capt. Walbran, of the Quadra, does not think the owners will have any trouble in floating her. There is a big hole in the ship's forward hold, but when the cargo has been taken out this can be temporarily patched and the steamer towed to the sandy beach at Anderson's Camp, where repairs can be made which will enable her to proceed to Victoria. Capt. Metcalf representing the insurance people, and Mr. Tyson, for the owners, are remaining at the wreck, and as soon as the cargo is out the Czar, which they have chartered, will attempt to pull the Cleveland off.

The trial of the Indians charged with looting the Cleveland was conducted before Captain Walbran sitting as a stipendiary magistrate, on Monday and Tuesday last. Six Indians who concealed their stolen property were sentenced to terms of from one to six months, the others, including the white man McCarty, being severely reprimanded.

All speak very highly of the way in which Captain Walbran and his officers performed their duties.

MR. DURFEE'S STORY.

The First Officer Tells of His Experience After Leaving the Steamer.

S. P. Durfee, first officer of the wrecked steamer Cleveland, arrived on the Quadra, and with Second Engineer O'Neill, Carpenter Ishister, Fireman Cawley, Seaman Falkner, and W. S. Dietrick, a passenger, was taken to the marine hospital for treatment. While sitting by the fire in the hospital yesterday evening, warming his badly swollen feet, he told of the terrible experience of his boat's crew after leaving the wrecked steamer.

It was early in the morning of Friday, December 10th, about two o'clock, I think, when, after drifting about with a broken shaft for several days, we were all but on Starlight reef, one of the worst of the bad reefs of the coast. Captain Hall, when we were within 150 feet of the reef, gave up hope, and so did we all, for not a man on board even thought she would miss the reef. The boats were lowered, and with the captain's boat leading, we rowed towards Alpha passage. The night was dark, and we could hear the roar of the breakers ahead. The captain's boat was some distance ahead of the other boats and we were cautiously following him. After slowly feeling our way towards the breakers in the hope of getting through them and making a landing, we were given to understand by Third Officer H. Melvin that Captain Hall's boat had been capsized in the breakers. I immediately turned my boat's head toward the open sea, and telling Melvin to follow, we fought our way seawards in the fact of the strong winds blowing on shore. We heard afterwards of Capt. Hall and his crew got safely through the breakers and made a landing in Alpha passage, and we heard that he had signalled us to follow him, but as ill luck would have it we never saw the signal.

"Then began our long drift in the open boat. We lost Melvin and his boat soon after putting to sea. It was a terrible time, and as long as I live I shall never forget that five days and a half. How we suffered; the boat was half full of water all the time, for the seas were beating over us, and had we not worked continually to keep her head towards the heavy seas, we must have been swamped. It was the same day after day, but the men bore up bravely, and suffered most stoically. The cold was almost unbearable, but notwithstanding their blistered hands and sore feet by long immersion, the men toiled on hour after hour. My clothes and those of the others were wet from the time we left the wreck until long after we had made a landing at Raphael Point. I guess we shall have many reminders of our terrible adventures in the way of rheumatic colds and pains in our joints for days to come.

"On Monday, the 13th inst., the awful ordeal proved too much for one of the boat's crew, George Carillo. He sank down in the boat from cold and exhaustion, and long before the end came it was easy to see that he was dying. About twenty minutes before he died he became very delirious and mumbled considerably, although what he was saying no one could understand, for his voice was never raised above a whisper. His death was quite painless.

"The remainder of the boat's crew

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FOR SALE—Good sheep run on Cortes Island; excellent landing on property three miles from store, P. O. and property—moderate. Apply Alex. Philip, Auctioneer, Steraton.

FOR SALE—The fixtures, furniture and stock of the Hall Saloon, Fort Street. Immediate possession given. Apply to A. W. Barnett, on the premises, or to Wm. Harrison, 67 and 69 Johnson street.

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TO LET—Furnished room, suitable for single person. Near Pandora car. Apply F. M. Box 284, City.

TO LET—The Commercial Hotel, Douglas street. Apply H. Porter & Sons, Douglas street.

AMUSEMENTS.

DON'T FORGET—the Military Social dance at Drill Hall on Wednesday next. Tickets: gentlemen \$1, ladies 50c, each. Major Mulcahy at Drill Hall, at Gibson's Government street, or at the door Wednesday night.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

NOTICE—Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and Mr. Peters have opened a temporary office over those of Mr. Cassidy, No. 32, Langley street.

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MISS HOWES, Test Medium, 124 Douglas street. Do you wish to know if you will succeed in the Klondike, or in business or your love affairs, consult her. She predicts the unusual return of the steamer Bristol and has a number of mining claims in the United States and British Columbia. Readings from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

USE ADVENT FLOUR—A pure, fine whole wheat flour. Mrs. E. Hunt, Rockland Avenue, agent. Orders taken at Speed Bros. grocery.

JOHN MAXWELL, DECEASED—All persons having claims or demands on the estate of the late Sir John Maxwell, deceased, are requested to send the particulars to Mr. James Lunney of the same place, the executors, and all persons indebted to the estate are also requested to pay such debts to one of the executors above named. Dated 27th November, 1897. B. Howell, Irving & Durfitt,itors for executors, Broughton Street, Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL—Dr. Frank Hall has removed to his new office building, No. 106 Yates street, just above Douglas street.

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For Xmas presents—Children's fur sets at the Lansdowne House, 88 Yates street. John Partridge.

Glassware just received and for sale cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co.'s 80 Douglas street.

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You want a treat. Try the Queen's mincemeat, made from the recipe of the Queen's chef and manufactured by Her Majesty's chef, prepared by Ogell & Morris.

J. Horner & Co. are giving away a present with every purchase of one dollar and over for this week. Fans, purses, boys' and men's ties, boys' handkerchiefs, etc. Argyle House.

On the occasion of the grand millinery ball last week, there was a large attendance at the dance given by the First Battalion in the drill hall last evening. The decorations had been retained, as well as the dancing floor.

James J. Corbett's western tour will begin at St. Paul in February and end as far as San Francisco, his native home, at which place he will be seen the latter part of March. He will also visit Victoria. His tour closing at Denver early in May.

Messrs. R. B. McMicking and J. W. Fleming have returned from their lecturing tour through the eastern states, made in the interest of Victoria's Klondike trade. Mr. McMicking lectured in all the large cities, his lectures being illustrated by Mr. Fleming.

The children of the First Presbyterian and Centennial Methodist churches held their annual treats last evening. At the First Presbyterian church the pupils sang an appropriate cantata, ushering in Santa Claus. A concert was also given at Centennial church, previous to the distribution of prizes.

The closing of Miss Green's kindergarten, which took place yesterday afternoon, was a perfect success. The finger-puppets and songs by some 25 children showed how well Miss Green, Miss Lowe and Miss Worlock have worked for the past three months.

At the meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, A.O.U.W., last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: M. W. Bro. Grizzell; F. Bro. F. Partridge; O. Bro. J. Smith; Recorder, Bro. R. Dunn; Financier, Bro. F. Davy; Receiver, Bro. R. T. Williams.

The premises at the corner of Broughton and Government streets, occupied by E. M. Johnson, have been secured for the Victoria offices of Molson's bank. Officers will be elected immediately and the bank will be ready for business by February 1st. It is also stated that the Imperial bank intends to open a branch in Victoria.

Mr. Robert O. Wilson and Miss Florence Annie Graham, eldest daughter of Mr. Walter Graham, of 187 Chatham street, were married last evening by Rev. P. C. L. Harris. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Clara Graham, Mr. John M. McGregor attending the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will spend their honeymoon in Vancouver.

The fourth installment of the admiralty house tax refund has been received by the honorary treasurer of the Protestant Orphans' Home from the following, through Mr. Charles Kent: Geo. Glover, \$1; Mrs. M. Glover, 42 cents; J. Pierce, 60 cents; Estate of H. Glidde, \$1; Mary H. Brown, 23 cents; Ashdown H. Green, \$1.62; Mrs. Baxter, 50 cents; S. S. Baxter, \$1.13; F. W. Vincent, \$2.42; Mrs. Anne Scott, \$1.25; total, \$10.27. Also from the children of the North Ward public school, per Principal McNeil, \$7.45.

Lovers of the artistic should not fail to see the windows of Geo. E. Jackson, 57 Government street. Here is displayed in the usual attractive style in which this firm displays its choice goods, the most attractive collection of nobly up-to-date neckwear, fancy bordered silk handkerchiefs, the newest out, which this firm has ever imported. Several of these lines have just arrived to-day and are shown for the first time in Victoria. Those seeking presents should undoubtedly see this firm's spe-

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Christmas books, albums, etc., at wholesale prices. Johnston Kirk block.

CODFISH—Genuine Newfoundland, at R. H. Jameson's, 33 Fort street, Red Front Store.

Queen's mincemeat, as prepared by Her Majesty's chef, prepared by O'Kell & Morris.

The Sir William Wallace Society will elect officers at the annual meeting to be held this evening.

The first rehearsal of "The Geisha," to be presented by amateurs under the management of Mr. A. Aspland, took place last evening.

The Sterling is now showing a full line of Christmas novelties at very reasonable prices. Open every evening until Christmas, 88 Yates street.

The first rehearsal of "The Geisha," "Sydney Jones" well known opera, which is shortly to be played here by a company of Victoria's leading amateurs, was held yesterday evening.

Pabst Bohemian, from Milwaukee, the finest beer the world ever produced, on draught at 5 cents per glass at the Bank Exchange, the cosiest, cleanest, cheapest restaurant in the city. Never closes.

J. A. Harvey, of Fort Steele; Frederick Elliott, of Nelson; and A. MacNish and W. H. McGarry, of Rossland, were called and admitted to the bar this afternoon. They were introduced by Sir H. P. P. Crease and were sworn in before Mr. Justice Walkin.

James J. Corbett's western tour will begin at St. Paul in February and end as far as San Francisco, his native home, at which place he will be seen the latter part of March. He will also visit Victoria. His tour closing at Denver early in May.

Messrs. R. B. McMicking and J. W. Fleming have returned from their lecturing tour through the eastern states, made in the interest of Victoria's Klondike trade. Mr. McMicking lectured in all the large cities, his lectures being illustrated by Mr. Fleming.

The children of the First Presbyterian and Centennial Methodist churches held their annual treats last evening. At the First Presbyterian church the pupils sang an appropriate cantata, ushering in Santa Claus. A concert was also given at Centennial church, previous to the distribution of prizes.

The closing of Miss Green's kindergarten, which took place yesterday afternoon, was a perfect success. The finger-puppets and songs by some 25 children showed how well Miss Green, Miss Lowe and Miss Worlock have worked for the past three months.

At the meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, A.O.U.W., last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: M. W. Bro. Grizzell; F. Bro. F. Partridge; O. Bro. J. Smith; Recorder, Bro. R. Dunn; Financier, Bro. F. Davy; Receiver, Bro. R. T. Williams.

The premises at the corner of Broughton and Government streets, occupied by E. M. Johnson, have been secured for the Victoria offices of Molson's bank. Officers will be elected immediately and the bank will be ready for business by February 1st. It is also stated that the Imperial bank intends to open a branch in Victoria.

Mr. Robert O. Wilson and Miss Florence Annie Graham, eldest daughter of Mr. Walter Graham, of 187 Chatham street, were married last evening by Rev. P. C. L. Harris. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Clara Graham, Mr. John M. McGregor attending the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will spend their honeymoon in Vancouver.

The fourth installment of the admiralty house tax refund has been received by the honorary treasurer of the Protestant Orphans' Home from the following, through Mr. Charles Kent: Geo. Glover, \$1; Mrs. M. Glover, 42 cents; J. Pierce, 60 cents; Estate of H. Glidde, \$1; Mary H. Brown, 23 cents; Ashdown H. Green, \$1.62; Mrs. Baxter, 50 cents; S. S. Baxter, \$1.13; F. W. Vincent, \$2.42; Mrs. Anne Scott, \$1.25; total, \$10.27. Also from the children of the North Ward public school, per Principal McNeil, \$7.45.

Lovers of the artistic should not fail to see the windows of Geo. E. Jackson, 57 Government street. Here is displayed in the usual attractive style in which this firm displays its choice goods, the most attractive collection of nobly up-to-date neckwear, fancy bordered silk handkerchiefs, the newest out, which this firm has ever imported. Several of these lines have just arrived to-day and are shown for the first time in Victoria. Those seeking presents should undoubtedly see this firm's spe-

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Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

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Ebony Hair Brushes,

Roger & Gallet's Perfumes
In all odors.

American Perfumes
In Cut Glass Bottles.

SEE OUR WINDOW.

JOHN COCHRANE,
CHEMIST,
Northwest Corner of Yates and Douglas Streets

THE LIBEL SUITS.

Further Proceedings in the Police Court
Yesterday.

Mr. Cassidy finding himself unable to convince the court that the evidence of Mr. Wootton would be sufficient, asked for an adjournment, stating that he had more witnesses to examine and that it would be impossible for him to finish the case that day. Mr. Martin said his clients had been in court all day waiting until the afternoon for their case to be called. Mr. Cassidy had occupied much time in transacting his private business. Mr. Martin asked that if it were possible to finish the case that the court should do so, but an adjournment was taken until Wednesday at 2 p.m.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock the case was proceeded with, Mr. Wootton's evidence being continued. The witness produced the memorandum or copy of the register of directors of the Province, Ltd., filed with him as registrar, under section 89 of the companies' act. Mr. Martin claimed that the mere production of these documents was not sufficient, questioning Mr. Wootton's right to bring such public documents into court, and having brought them objecting to having them left as evidence in the usual way.

Mr. Cassidy quoted from Taylor on evidence to show the court that the evidence was admissible, and Mr. Martin's objection was overruled. Mr. Wootton then proved the incorporation of the Province, Ltd., on 9th January, 1895, the memorandum of association appearing in the Gazette the same month. The Province Publishing Company was incorporated 10th September, 1894, and the memorandum of association was duly published in that month's Gazette. A copy of the register of directors of the Province, Ltd., had been filed with the witness and was produced, and although Mr. Martin objected most emphatically to its acceptance as evidence, his honor ruled it admissible. The register, a copy of which was filed November 11th, 1897, showed that the directors were A. H. Seale, journalist; Ian Colart, accountant, secretary; and Hewitt Bostock, capitalist. A copy of the register of the Province Publishing Company, Ltd., was also produced and objected to by Mr. Martin and brought out that there had been no evidence to prove the defendant either knew of or authorized the publication of what was now alleged to be a libel, and particularly that no proof that the defendant had what in legal phraseology is called "an evil mind" had been given. The attempt to commit the two companies to prove as Mr. Cassidy had expressed it, "that there had been an attempt on the part of the Province, Ltd., to take shelter under the name of another company," had utterly failed. The two companies were distinct and separate, and from the evidence of the witnesses who had been examined it was clear the Province Publishing Company simply printed a newspaper for another company. "And," said Mr. Martin, "in any case other than one of this nature it would be possible for the defendant to go into the box and testify that in the action he is accused of, he was justified by the fact that what was said to be a crime was not so; that he would be entitled to prove that the charges made in the article were in substance and in fact true; in this case it is not open for us to do so; but there is, therefore, all the more reason your lordship should protect us and guard against any injustice being done us." Has it been shown that the defendant knew of the publication? Has it been shown that he was responsible for its publication, and, again, has any attempt been made to prove that the alleged libel was false?

Mr. Cassidy said the words "defamatory libel" included the charge of falsity, and his honor intimated that subject to anything which might be adduced as evidence on behalf of the accused he had decided to send the case for trial. Mr. Colart was then asked by the court the usual formal questions, and said he believed he was to give evidence.

It being 5 p.m. the court suggested an adjournment should be taken, and by consent the case stood over until 10 a.m. on Thursday.

A visit to Weller Bros during Xmas week is the treat of the season, verify this.

Mr. Cassidy amended his question and Mr. Weller replied that as far as what appeared in the paper while he acted as editor he had control himself, subject to the directors, but Mr. Colart managed both concerns and run them as one thing. During that time Mr. Bostock and Mr. Colart acted as directors, and he would, if he sat on the matter, wager that Mr. Seale was also a director.

Charles Lawrence Cullen, foreman of the Province Publishing Company, was the next witness and testified that he recognized the article in the Province of December 11th, which was the subject of this action, and that the same was "set up" in the machine operator, Mr. Ditchburn, but he did not know in whose handwriting the M.S. was. Asked if he exercised any special discretion in regard to this particular copy, witness said he did not know then there was any particular copy, and he presumed the whole article was "set up" as usual by the same man who always "set up" that portion of the paper. The Province Publishing

Company, Ltd., was the publisher of the paper, and the printer was the same man who always "set up" that portion of the paper.

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A PLOT FOR A NOVEL.
One Offered Ready-Made for the Desperate Literat.

THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

To the Editor: Permit through your paper to ask one or two questions. I can sympathize with Mr. Braden in his isolation hospital experience and can endorse what he says. I was nurse in charge for fourteen weeks during the worst of the scarlet fever epidemic of 1885, and was very meanly treated by the council. I suppose I was too good to my patients. I was very profusely thanked by some of them. I sometimes had as many as 10 patients and the work and cooking as well, and no night nurse the 14 weeks. The doctor wrote a note to this effect to the council, that I had done this extra work for which I was to get extra pay, but I never got a cent, or any compensation for my clothing which was ruined with the disinfectant. I would also like to ask why members of the board of trade and government officials can send their children to the isolation hospital and have them nursed at the expense of the ratepayer, while a working man not so well able to afford it was compelled to pay both the nurse and the doctor, after being told he would get everything free. If he kept the children at home, they would be quarantined six weeks. The doctor who was then health officer told the nurse to charge \$20 a week to the working man for his one little girl, while for nursing all the city patients she must only charge \$15. These facts and much more have been brought before the present and two previous aldermanic boards. So much for the justice of Victoria City aldermanic boards.

A NURSE.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

A Frenchman born under the British flag, a devotee of the Church of Rome, holding the highest honors under a Protestant sovereign at first glance appears to be anomaly, and, en passant, it shows what a wonderful structure is the British empire, which makes no distinction of either race or religion. Because he is a Frenchman, living in Greater Britain, Sir Wilfrid Laurier combines the best characteristics of both races.

He has the practical, hard-headed shrewdness of the Anglo-Saxon, the same capacity for governing which has made English rule on both sides of the Atlantic the admiration of the civilized world, and combined with these qualities he has the French elan, the audacity, the emotional quickness voicing itself in moving oratory which one may find among the French, but which the English, more stolid in thought and speech, lack. The oratory of English public men is like the leaders of English newspapers—solid, impressive, because of their thorough knowledge, teeming with facts and figures, but without grace, panderers, and missing in those light and graceful allusions which we expect and welcome. It is said that Mr. Gladstone is the only man who has ever made a budget speech interesting, but Mr. Gladstone stands alone among English orators. Sir Wilfrid is a born orator, a silver-tongued speaker, whose voice lends to itself all the moods of the speaker, and whose presence heightens the effect of his words. He has been accused of loving a *coup de theatre*, of being spectacular, of playing to the galleries. But what orator doesn't. What orator does not look beyond the narrow glare of the footlights to the great gallery, filled with men and women, whose emotions are very near the surface, who are not afraid to display them, and who, by their encouragement, lend an inspiration to the man who thrills them? It is to the Dominion of Canada—a dominion larger than the United States—Sir Wilfrid Laurier talks, not to the mere handful sitting in the house of commons, I have said he is not deficient in the virtue of audacity. It is audacity of the type which made the Earl of Beaconsfield the idol of his countrymen; the audacity which made him buy a controlling interest in the Suez canal from the Khedive of Egypt, thus at one operation checkmating France and turning a deal worthy of Mr. Pierpont Morgan; the audacity which sent a British fleet to the Dardanelles until Russia sued for peace. It was this same quality of audacity in Mr. Blaine, which endeared him to his countrymen. Undoubtedly audacity is a virtue every statesman ought to possess.—Washington Post.

LOVE'S MASTERPIECE.

Sunbeams Reveal a Face Long Hidden Among the Arches.

A century since, in the north of France, stood an old cathedral, upon the arch of which was sculptured a face of wondrous beauty. It was long hidden until one day the sun's light, striking through a slanted window, revealed its matchless features. And ever after, year by year, upon the days when for a brief hour it was thus illuminated, crowds came and waited eagerly to catch but a glimpse of that face. It had a strange history. When the cathedral was being built an old man broken down with the weight of years and cares, came and sought the architect to let him work upon it. Out of pity for his age, but fearing his falling sight and trembling touch might fare some fair design, the master set him to work in the shadows of the vaulted roof.

One day they found the old man asleep in death, the tools of his craft laid in order beside him, and the cunning of his right hand gone, his face turned up to this other marvelous face which he had wrought there—the face of one whom he had loved and lost in his early manhood. And when the artists and sculptors from all parts of the cathedral came and looked upon that face they said: "This is the grandest work of all; love wrought this!"—Humanitarian.

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation and impoverished blood Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time by invigorating every organ, nerve and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

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visionary enthusiasm, as contrasted with the simple, solid sense of honest Sancho Panza—Curious Questions.

LION TAMER DEAD.

Peson, the Great Parisian Master of Animals and His Career.

It is a curious coincidence that at the moment when his son had declared himself as a candidate for election to the French parliament, Jean Baptiste Pezon, the doyen of the lion tamers of Paris, should have died quietly in his bed, after risking dangers innumerable for the greater part of his seventy years. Although he had been suffering from heart disease, his actual death was somewhat unexpected. Despite his age, he was still active and robust, and with his dark, gipsy-like complexion, his red waistcoat and top boots, he was the regular type of the French showman. Father Pezon, as he was generally called, was the founder of the dynasty of lion tamers which bears his name.

He was born of poor parents in a small village in the Lozere, and took to taming at an early age. His skill in pacifying infuriated animals such as bulls and horses made him famous throughout the country. He also became a clever sportsman, and one day he succeeded in capturing a wolf, which after reaching it to perform several tricks, he resolved to exhibit in the public squares. By this means he managed to amass sufficient money to buy a bear, and, together with the wolf, he set out for Paris in a carriage drawn by oxen.

It was at Bordeaux that he bought his first lion. A captain coming from Africa had the animal on board, and asked 1,000 francs for it. Pezon gave him the money and entered into possession of it.

"But how are you to take the lion away?" inquired the captain, "you have not got a cage for it." To which the "dompteur" replied, "I have brought a chain and collar for it, and that is all I need." And he forthwith took it home without any opposition being made to its new master. From that moment fortune smiled on him, and in a short time he was able to gather together a number of wild beasts, which eventually made his menagerie famous.

It was not till 1875 that he came to Paris with his celebrated lion, Brutus, for which the Shah of Persia offered him £1,000, but the "dompteur" refused to part with his favorite animal. His success at the fair of Montmartre was so great that the director of the Chatelot theatre engaged him to appear with his lions and tigers in the fairy piece of the "Philées du Diable." He was paid 1,200 francs a night for forty representations. With this money Pezon had a luxurious caravan made, and increased his number of animals.

Pere Pezon was very proud of his possession, and would not allow any one to doubt his authority over his beasts. At one time the prefecture of police, moved by a series of accidents, prohibited the "dompteurs" from entering the cages. Pezon, who at the moment was at the Gingerbread Fair, rushed to the prefecture to demand the withdrawal of the prohibition. "If it is not granted me," he said, "I shall harness four lions to my carriage and go to the prefect. We shall see if there is a policeman who shall dare to stop me." The prefect was much amused by this menace, and granted the demand of the old showman.

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I used your Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine for a severe attack of bronchitis. I got better from the time of taking the first dose. Having a family of young children, my doctor's bills have annually come to a considerable sum. I believe a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup occasionally will aid me in reducing them very materially.

W. R. ALGER,
Halifax, N.S.,
Insurance Agent.

I write this to let you know what I would not do: I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house if it cost \$5 per bottle. It does all you recommend it to do and more.—J. H. Wallace, Wallacerville, Ga. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the word, and invaluable for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and bruises. Be ready for emergencies by buying a bottle at Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

The company reserves the right to change this time table at any time, without notice.

JOHN IRVING, Manager.

THERE IS ONLY ONE DIRECT ROUTE

THE THREE KINGS.

Came those monarchs grave and hoar, With three gifts of gold, incense and myrrh, On that holy night of yore.

Ator, Salor, Saraso, In their hallowed purpose kin, Following the guiding star, Each a sacred goal to win.

Did they bear their offerings, Unto one of princely place, Such a wealth of precious things, Sprung, like them, from earthly kings?

Nay, but to an infant born In a lonely spot forlorn, Yet around whose glorious face Shone a halo like the morn!

For a spirit unto each Spake in no uncertain speech, Saying, "In a manger lies One who God to man shall teach."

One who shall the night o'erthrow, Love the triumphant over hate, Peace and joy for that conquer woe."

So these monarchs, men of fame, Bowing before the birth divine, And their offering at His feet, Sprang as swiftly as they came.

Stretched the years, a checked eign, Since they played their deathless part, Yet to-day may we, like them, Giving, hold the Christ at heart.

—Citation Scoldair in December Woman's Home Companion.

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TIME CARD NO. 13.

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OCEANIC
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FOR
Hawaii, Samoa,
New Zealand and
Australia.

S.S. MOANA sails Thursday, January 9th, 1898, at 10 a.m.

S.S. AUSTRALIA, for HONOLULU only, Tuesday December 29th, at 2 p.m.

Line to COOLGARDIE, Aust., and GABO TOWN, South Africa.

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Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS:

Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m.

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PUGET SOUND & ALASKA STEAMSHIP CO.

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Str. CITY OF KINGSTON

FROM TACOMA, DAILY (EXCEPT SATURDAY).

Leave Tacoma 8:00 p.m.

Leave Seattle 10:00 a.m.

Leave Port Townsend 1:30 p.m.

Arrive Seattle 9:45 p.m.

Arrive Port Townsend 12:45 a.m.

Arrive Victoria 2:45 a.m.

FROM VICTORIA DAILY (EXCEPT SUNDAY).

Leave Victoria 8:00 a.m.

Leave Port Townsend 11:00 a.m.

Leave Seattle 2:15 p.m.

Arrive Port Townsend 10:45 a.m.

Arrive Seattle 1:45 p.m.

Arrive Tacoma 4:00 p.m.

WALTER OAKES, Superintendent.

TO Daily Sat.

Spokane, 4: M. P. M.

Roseland, Nelson, 8:00 1:30

Kalio, Sandon, Grand Forks, 8:15 1:45

Hartle, Kettle River, 8:30 2:00

S. Paul, Chicago, and all points East and South.

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H. K. PRIOR, Gen. Sup't.

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ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO Ry.

TIME TABLE NO. 29.

To take effect at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 4th, 1897.

Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH.

Daily Sat.

Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington 4: M. P. M.

Ar. Wellington 12:15 2:15

Ar. Nanaimo 12:45 2:45

GOING SOUTH.

Daily Sat.

Lv. Wellington for Victoria 4: M. P. M.

Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria 8:15 1:45

Ar. Victoria 12:00 2:00

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S.S. "CITY OF NANAIMO"

W. D. OWEN, Master.

Will sail as follows, calling at way ports as freight and passengers may order:

Lv. Victoria Monday, 7 a.m.

Lv. Nanaimo for Comox, Tuesday, 7 a.m.

Lv. Comox for Nanaimo, Thursday, 7 a.m.

Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria, Friday, 7 a.m.

For freight or staterooms apply on board at the company's ticket office, Victoria station, Store street.

THE LIBRARY CAR ROUTE.

ROCK BALLAST—NO DUST.

Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Miss Briggs has returned home from Portland, Ore., to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Grand Chancellor Evans, of the K. of P., paid a visit to the local lodges on Monday night. After the business of the order had been concluded, the Grand Chancellor was entertained at Mrs. Howison's restaurant.

Close on one hundred fishermen have signed a petition to the minister of marine and fisheries protesting against the proposal to prohibit sturgeon fishing in the lakes tributary to the Fraser. It is claimed that the fish are being depleted, owing to the use of illegal gear for fishing, but the fishermen signing the petition pledge themselves to do everything in their power to stop the fishing of sturgeon by hooks provided the government allows them to fish by nets in the lakes.

A debating society has been organised in connection with St. Andrew's church; the following officers having been elected: Hon. president, the pastor of St. Andrew's church; president, Mr. G. W. Gross; vice-president, Miss Ella Pringle; secretary, Mr. W. McQuarrie; treasurer, Mr. T. Goldie. Two strong committees a literary and musical, were also elected. It was resolved that the inaugural meeting of the club shall be held Tuesday, January 4th, 1898.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—There is a strange revival of the old time cock and dog fighting in Vancouver. Where the "sports" come from it is hard to say, but they are here and taking every opportunity of bringing off a little go. The next night after the boxing contest there was a cock fight successfully engineered. It took place in a rendezvous known as Rose's stable, although Mr. Rose, the plumber, had nothing to do with the fight, which was all over when the police arrived at 4 o'clock. There were eight battles between Seattle and Vancouver birds, the Seattle birds winning six. On the following afternoon a prize fight between two well known bulldogs took place on the outskirts of the city. This time the police arrived in time and several of the participants were arrested.

There are a great many bad boys in Vancouver and Chief Stewart is trying to induce the city to establish a training ship for them. Burglaries by boys in Vancouver are becoming common. The last one arrested was detected owing to his presenting his teacher at school with numerous valuable presents stolen from a drug store.

Owing to the presence of so many suspicious looking characters in the city, Chief Stewart has put on two more policemen for service in the east end.

The post office department are agitating for three more carriers. Although the force is comparatively large now, they are unable to keep up with the work.

The Goldie Cache Company report that they have milled in thirty days 750 tons, and secured 900 ounces of amalgam, exclusive of concentrates. The amalgam runs from \$2 to \$5, and the concentrates will run about \$3,000.

MISSION CITY.

Miss Ella Des Brisay of the Jubilee hospital, Victoria, has recently been visiting relatives at Mission City.

Messrs. R. G. Clark and Jas. Fleming, of Sicamous, are in Mission,

Miss Frances World and Miss Marcella Laddell, of Toronto, recently conducted a very successful entertainment in Odd Fellows' hall, Mission City. Though Miss World was suffering from severe cold, she ably sustained the reputation accorded her by more experienced critics than those of Mission City; while Miss Laddell was irresistible in her selections, particularly in her impersonations of childhood. The entertainment was much appreciated by all who attended.

A Christmas tree entertainment is to be held in the Methodist church here on Christmas night.

Mr. John M. Keenly, well known in Mission City, with his bride passed through here on Wednesday, 15th, en route to Seattle. After a honeymoon trip in the Sound cities, they will proceed to Kootenay to reside.

GALIANO ISLAND.

Galiano, Dec. 20.—The Christmas examination of the children attending the Galiano Island public school took place on Thursday afternoon, the 16th inst., in the presence of a large assembly of parents and friends. The schoolroom was tastefully decorated for the occasion, a life-size portrait of Her Majesty, the Queen, with the season's greetings in appropriate mottoes, being placed in conspicuous places. The children were subjected to a thorough examination in all classes, including geography, mental arithmetic, history and grammar, and displayed their intelligence and knowledge in a very praiseworthy and creditable manner. In the evening a lengthy and varied programme of dialogues, recitations and songs were participated in by the scholars, frequent applause greeting the rendering of each piece. Each child afterwards was the recipient of a handsome present from the Christmas tree, which was generously provided by friends.

Mr. J. Robertson, in a short address, gave words of encouragement to the children and eulogised the work of the teacher, Miss Ethel J. Crookford, who, he said, deserved praise for bringing the scholars along so well with their studies, and he commented upon the perfect discipline and good behavior which prevailed during the whole of the proceedings—noteworthy features which have always characterized the doings of this school, under the management of the present teacher.

This school, situated at the west end of Galiano Island, was newly opened some five months ago. The little schoolroom presented a gay appearance on Wednesday last, when a Christmas entertainment was held. A Christmas tree was given and through the kindness of the teacher, Miss Ethel Johnson, each child received a suitable present. Capt. McCroskie, who occupied the chair during the evening, took pleasure in remarking upon the rapid progress made in their vicinity during the year in regard to school, roads, church, etc., and applauded the action of the present gov-

ernment in coming to their aid and giving to them what may be considered their just proportion. A solo rendered by Mr. J. Shaw on the harp, select readings by members of the community, a comic recitation by Mr. J. Warneck and the singing of the National Anthem terminated a most enjoyable evening.

GERMANY'S GRAB.

The Occupation of Kiao Chau Bay Officially Reported to the Washington Authorities.

The Chinese Garrison Ordered to Evacuate or Suffer the Consequences.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Germany's occupation of Chinese territory has been officially reported upon by Rear Admiral McNair, commander-in-chief of the naval station. His first official report by mail concerning the landing of marines by Germany at Kiao Chau Bay has just been received at the navy department. It is dated November 29, and of course makes no mention of the reported occupation of Port Arthur. Under date of November 10 Rear Admiral McNair states that the following has been received concerning the occupation of Kiao Chau:

"A German squadron, consisting of two men-of-war, arrived at Kiao Chau Bay on the 13th inst. The commander of the squadron landed on the following day with 600 bluejackets and ordered General Chang, the commander of the Chinese garrison, to retire behind the hills within twenty-four hours, commencing from 9 o'clock on that day (14th), further informing Gen. Chang that the Chinese soldiers would not be permitted to take away anything save their rifles and personal effects. The German commander furthermore ordered that in the event of the Chinese garrison ignoring this order, it would be regarded as hostile and the garrison immediately fired upon. Thereupon Gen. Chang with his forces evacuated the forts and retired to the lower part of Scio."

It is generally conceded that before occupying the territory, the German commander informed all the commanding officers of foreign squadrons.

Rear Admiral McNair will be succeeded as commander in charge of the Asiatic squadron in a few days by Commodore George Dewey, who left San Francisco on December 5 for Yokohama, where he will hoist his flag.

The government of the United States has no other policy in China than the protecting of American interests and instruction to this effect have been given to Rear Admiral McNair and Commodore Dewey.

Rear Admiral McNair states that Japan dispatched a cruiser to Kiao Chau Bay, for the purpose of watching the operations of the Germans.

The Nippon says that on receipt of the telegram reporting the seizure of Kiao Chau Bay by the Germans, the minister of foreign affairs at once dispatched instructions to the Japanese minister at Pekin, and that frequent interchange of telegrams is at present being carried on between the government and the ministers. It is also stated that rumors are rife that the German minister is making preparations to leave China. A Pekin dispatch dated Tokio, November 18, declares that the admiral of the French Asiatic squadron has received a communication from the admiral of the German Asiatic squadron, informing him of the occupation of Kiao Chau by the Germans. A dispatch dated Tokio, November 18, declares that the admiral of the French Asiatic squadron has received a communication from the admiral of the German Asiatic squadron, informing him of the occupation of Kiao Chau by the Germans and the reason for the German attack.

The last clipping announces that the Chinese officers who came to witness the Japanese maneuvers have received instructions to return immediately to their homes in consequence of the Kiao Chau affair. They have, therefore, abandoned their intention of visiting Tokio and Nagasaki.

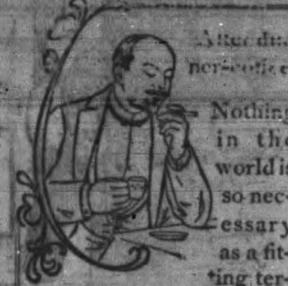
The clippings enclosed by Rear Admiral McNair are considered thoroughly reliable by department officials and their contents was the subject of a great deal of speculation.

London, Dec. 23.—The Times in an editorial on the situation in China, sarcastically asks whether the German press is claiming a Russ-German entente in China, and the Emperor in his speech at Graudenz, anticipated Russia's demand for the removal of German drill sergeants from the Chinese army. It adds, with reference to the demand for the dismissal of the English engineers: "Our Pekin correspondence says China is hesitating, and possibly we may be able to appeal to motives at Pekin which will strengthen China's disinclination to comply with the Russian request for the dismissal of Britishers."

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HEROIC LITTLE MISS.

Prevented the Erection of a Fence by a Neighbor.

Joseph Burton, living on Marion avenue, came to Chief of Police Johnson's office this afternoon and excitedly informed him that he wanted police protection.

"Why, Miss Tillie Price is doing me from putting up a fence I have started," said the man, and at his request the chief sent to investigate.

No fence, however, demure little miss from compositely over a pit which Burton had dug in which to place a post. When requested to get up, Miss Price said emphatically: "No, mamma told me to sit here until told by her to get away."

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STORY OF THE RESCUE

(Continued from page Four).

ing swamped amongst the breakers they determined to try and land. Death by drowning, they concluded, was not worse than death from thirst. Had they not run short of water Chief Officer Durfee intended to keep his boat to sea as long as she could float, his hope being to fall in with some steamer searching for them, or with some one of the trans-Pacific liners, one of the Empresses, Northern Pacific steamers or Japanese liners. When the water was gone there was nothing remaining but to make an effort to land. Happily he managed to get their boat through the surf and breakers to the beach.

The Missing Boat.

The metallic boat in which Second Officer Henderson and seven of the crew left the steamer was last seen at 9 o'clock on Friday morning, December

11th, the day the Cleveland was abandoned. She was then in tow of First Officer Durfee's boat. The first officer was trying to put up a sail, but the mast carried away. It was then necessary to let go the line between the boats. The second officer's boat was soon lost sight of, and as she could not stand the weather that the others encountered she must have foundered very shortly. The men in the missing boat are:

L. B. F. Henderson, second mate.
W. Monroe, steward.
John Gallagher, fireman.
Walter Davis, cook.
Hendrick Danielson, seaman.
Alikel Kolning, seaman.
John Foster, seaman.
Bert Larsen, seaman.

REV. FATHER BRABANT.

What He and His Wards Did for the Shipwrecked Sailors.

In an interview with Rev. Father Brabant at his mission at Hesquiat the venerable gentleman gave the following details of the efforts made by himself and his Indians to succor the crew of the Cleveland:

December 11th at 11 a.m. the first boat in charge of Mr. Melvin landed and were promptly cared for. The crew of Mr. Melvin's boat report that they were separated from another boat about twenty miles from this place.

December 13th.—Weather having become more settled I sent a canoe with some Indians to Clayoquot Sound, instructing them to have C.P.N. steamer call here for the crew now with me and to keep a good lookout for the other boat above referred to, as there is no doubt the men are on one of the uninhabited islands, and sorely in need of help before they perish of cold and misery.

16th.—At nightfall a light was sighted across the bay some ten miles off. I picked a crew of seven stalwart Indians and sent them out in the cold and stormy night.

17th. (a.m.)—Indians return from a useless search, the light having proved to be a camp fire for prospectors.

17th. (evening)—The canoe I sent out



Fifty Years Ago.

President Polk in the White House chair, while in Lowell was Doctor Ayer; Both were busy for human weal. One to govern and one to heal. And, as a president's power of will sometimes depends on a liver-pill, Mr. Polk took Ayer's Pills I trow For his liver, 20 years ago.

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10 Years of Cures.

on the 15th has just arrived with the glad news that they sighted the boat headed up on Rafael Point and that some, if not all, are saved is evidenced by the fact that they saw a fire burning. The sea, however, was running so high that the Indians could not land. The Dominion government steamer Quadra arrived in our bay, and in the meantime I dispatched a note to Commander Walbran with various suggestions as to where to land safely to reach the survivors, which if followed may lead to their timely succor.

BIRTH.

WILSON—In this city, on the 19th inst., the wife of Edson Wilson, of No. 30 San Juan Avenue, of a daughter.

DIED.

ELLIOTT—At the family residence, Cadboro Bay Road, on the 23rd instant, Elisabeth, the beloved wife of W. A. Elliott, a native of Braisted, Kent, England; aged 72 years and six months.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. from the residence, and at the Reformed Episcopal Church at 2:30 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.



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